TASSES;

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100 barrels CHOICE EXTRA FLOUR;

100 barrels CHORE EXTRA FLOUR;

100 barrels CHORE VINEGAR;

100 boxes CANDLES;

200 boxes SOAP—all grades;

50 segs BI. CARB. SODA;

200 bushels CHOICE CLOVERSEED;

10 tlerces BEST SOUTH CAROLINA RICE;

200 kegs NALS;

100 kegs HORSE- and MULE-SHOES;

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20,000 bs. CLEAK-RIB BACON SIDES;

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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, 1878. VOL. LIII.

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR To-DAY .- For the Middle Atlantic States and Lower Lake region, cloudy, foggy weather, occasional light rain, variable winds from the northwest, stationary or higher temperature, and stationary or lower pressure. For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, clear or partly cloudy weather, north-

westerly winds, stationary temperature, and higher pressure. THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy or

rainy and mild. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 46: 9 A. M., 51; noon, 52; 3 P. M., 54; 6 P. M., 51; midnight, 48.

[For the Dispatch.] County Taxes .-- A Memorandum for the Legislature.

All of our candidates for the General Asfound our tax-bills getting gradually larger. rently has the field to bimself. Mayor Came-State tax has not been increased, but our county tax is equal to, or greater than, the State tax, for which our representatives in the Legislature are responsible, as they have placed us, with our hands tied, at the mercy of their appointees, the county judges, who are responsible to no one but them, and still have unlimited control in the disbursement of most of the county funds. As the law now stands the supervisors are mere figure heads to make a levy for the money to be disbursed by the county judges, who have the control of all the roads and bridges, and fix the pay of all the county officers connected with their courts, which is nine tenths of the expenses of most of the counties in the State. Supposing that their intentions are the best, it is not to he expected that a young lawyer should know what would be the best and most econominal way of conducting the affairs of a county. He has been chosen for his knowledge of law, not for his business

apacity. Supervisors are the men who make the evy, and they are the parties who ought to disburse it: 1. Because the people can hold them to a strict accountability. 2. Because they know the wants of the people better, as they represent every section of the county. 3. Because their interests are identical with tax-payers; and there is nothing truer than the saying that "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind." For equally as good reasons the county judges should not disburse the money:

1. Because they are elected by the Legislature for six years, and are independent of the tax-payers, being accountable to no one but the Legislature.

2. Suppose they desire to do the best, it is impossible for them to prevent themselves from being imposed on, as their knowledge the county must be limited, and they are often the dupes of contractors and their friends. On an average, I suppose twice as many bridges are built as there is any necessity for; and 3. The judges belong to the office-hold-

ing class, and it is natural that their sympathies should be with those who feed at the "public crib" and not with the taxpayers. It is certainly contrary to all usage and precedent that any one officer should disburse the public money at his pleasure, and be responsible to no one. The reason the power was given them was to protect that portion of the State where the negroes have the majority. Now, I propose instead that the supervisors should make all appropriations of money, the judges having the veto power. By this plan we would have a double protection. In this way: that if the supervisors should be guilty of any extravagant or unnecssary expenditures the judge could check them. In these times the danger is that not too little will be spent, but too much, and every safeguard should be thrown around the public purse. Is not this as much as the tax-payers in those counties in which the Radicals have the majority can ask of the rest of the State, as we still give the judge the power to protect them from the nontax-payers? Now, suppose the Legislature should do what we suggest. The people of each county have no one to blame but themselves if they allow their money to be wasted, as the remedy will then be always in their own hands. The tax-payers, if they choose to exert themselves, can always control the election of the supervisors, as the pay of the office is so small that no one can afford to buy the office by courting and

section of the counties over which they pre side, as only by these means can they prevent themselves from being imposed on. Hanover county.

corrupting the people. But if, on the other

hand, the Legislature intends to make the

county judges the disbursing officers of

their respective counties, they should in-

crease their pay and require them to be per-

sonally acquainted with the wants of every

ments. [From the New York Tribune.] In the early part of this century, when certain gases were liquefied by Faraday and other experimenters, the facts excited general interest, as giving a clew to the real constitution of matter. The new experiments were widely tried, and in performing them at Paris, in a public lecture, an explosion occurred which killed one of the operating assistants. Then,

for more than half a century, discovery in this line was almost suspended. Several gases, such as nitric oxide, acetylene, nitrogen, oxygen, and hydrogen, ab solutely withstood all attempts. a few weeks the compound gases named and some others have been liquefied. Next oxygen yielded to pressure and cold-an event of sufficient importance to be telegraphed by Professor Tyndall to the London Times and to be announced at scientific centres all over the world. Now comes the announcement that the remaining gases have undergone a similar treatment, and are liquefied: Nitrogen, under a pressure of 200 atmospheres; hydrogen, under 280. The latter as was only reduced to an opaque mist, but the air which we ordinarily breathe was converted into a liquid, and poured out in experiments is almost inconceivable; it is estimated at 300° below zero of the Centi-

grade thermometer, equivalent to more than

500° below of Fahrenheit's scale. The English Chancery judges have recently drawn the line between a legal nuisance and a sentimental grievance. A man of the First Virginia regiment, would make in Brighton built a house so inconveniently an excursion to Charleston, S. C., to take as to deprive a neighbor of the use of his part in the ceremonies in that city on the 22d best bed-room. This room had a bay-win- of February. The occasion promises to be dow, and the indiscreet neighbor had built his house on such a plan that some of its commodate those who may desire to go to With a full line of STAPLE and FANCY GOODS at rooms commanded a full view of this win-PRICES TO SELT THE TIMES. Call and examine down at a distance of seventeen feet. Latickets will be sold at a very small sum.
Applications for tickets must be made to dies could not use the room, and the hespi-table owner of the dwelling could not en-Garber, 826 Main street, by the 15th of Feb-charged with keeping a disorderly house. tertain his friends. He brought a suit ruary. against the owner of the new mansion as

could not be claimed.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS-CAU-CUSES To-NIGHT. - All the State officers elective by the General Assembly will be elected to-morrow and next day, except the Second Auditor, Treasurer, and Railroad Commis ioner. There is an investigation pending as to the two first-named offices. There is a proposition being considered to abolish the office of Railroad Commissioner. Both caucuses will be held to-night, as

follows: "There will be a meeting of the Conservatives of the General Assembly held in the Senate Chamber this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. W. H. F. LEE, Chairman." "There will be a conference of the Conservative members of the General Assembly in the hall of the House of Delegates this evening at 74 o'clock. "WILLIAM D. QUESENBERRY,

"Chairman."

Nominations will, it is supposed, be made for candidates for Auditor of Public Accounts, Register of the Land Office, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Superintendent of Public Printing, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and General Agent and Store-

named office there are three or four aspisembly for the last six or seven years have promised to vote against any increase in the rate of taxation, but most of us have no opposition. Colonel McDonald apparation of the rate of taxation, but most of us have no opposition. On examination of them we find that our ron, of Petersburg, has, however, been men-state tax has not been increased, but our tioned as a probable candidate. No one has come out against Auditor Taylor.

> CHURCH NOTES .- Rev. Mr. Roller preached at the Monumental church on Sunday afternoon, and the pastor in the morning. At. St. Mark's church (Episcopal) on Sunday morning the pastor read the service and preached. At night Bishop Whittle addressed the congregation on the subject of Diocesan Missions, and a collection was

taken up for that object. At Nicholson-Street Methodist Episcopal church one person was received on profession of faith. Rev. C. W. Petherbridge preached in the morning and the pastor at Rev. Dr. Hazen preached at Trinity church

At Oregon church there was one accession o the Sunday school on Sunday. There were thirteen accessions to Clay-

Street school. Rev. Preston Nash preached at 11 A. M. at Centenary church. Five persons were received into the church by certificate and three on profession of faith. Special services will continue this week.

At Broad-Street church there were nine additions to the Sunday school. At Clay-Street Baptist church the pastor filled the pulpit morning and night, and baptized two persons (man and wife) in the afternoon.

At Leigh-Street Baptist church the pastor received one person for baptism.

MEETING . IN THE INTEREST OF THE BIBLE CAUSE .- A well-attended meeting of members of various denominations interested in the Virginia Bible Society was held in the Seventh-Street Christian church on Sunday night. Among the clergymen present who Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., president of the Virginia Bible Society; Rev. Joshua Peterkin, D. D., of St. James church; Rev. W. E. Judkins, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church; Rev. Joseph Z. Tyler, of the Seventh-Street Christian church; and Rev. M. W. Staples, secretary of the Bible There were other clergymen Society.

present in the congregation. The religious services of the evening were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hoge and Rev. Dr. Hoge introduced the speakers, and in doing so mentioned that there would be an-

other meeting held in the interest of the Bible Society at Trinity (Methodist) church on Sunday night next. The first speaker was Rev. Mr. Judkins, whose address was very interesting and instructive, and listened to with marked attention. In the course of his remarks Mr.

Judkins stated that during the past year the cash receipts of the Society had been only \$1,000 in the State. He thought that Richmond alone, with her ten thousand professing Christians, ought to give that amount, which would be at the rate of ten cents annually from each church-member. Rev. Dr. Peterkin, an old friend of the Bible Society, and one who is always welcomed as a speaker, made one of his practi-

cal and striking addresses; after which collections were made, and about thirty new members of the Society added to the roll. The Board of Managers of the Society have adopted the plan of annual-memberships in order to increase the revenue. Upon the payment of two dollars any person is constituted a yearly member; and one half of this amount is returned to such member in the shape of Bibles and Testaments, which can be distributed among those who are destitute of the Bible or in Sunday schools where they are needed, and the other dollar is used by the Society in its

THE PROPOSITION TO AID THE CANAL COM-PANY IN REPAIRING DAMAGES OCCASIONED BY THE LATE FLOOD .- A special meeting of the Common Council will be held in the course Liquefying Gases...The Latest Experi- of a day or two to consider the proposition ness was transacted yesterday: to advance \$25,000 to aid the company in City Attorney in relation to the matter referred to him by the Council at its last meeting for his opinion.

charitable work .-

It is stated that the City Attorney has examined fully into the question, and finds that the first-mortgage bonds of the canal company are really repair bonds, and that the city cannot be secured in the manner suggested.

COMPANY OF VIRGINIA .- At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Mechanics Insurance Company of Virginia held yesterday Major James H. Dooley was called to preside and J. B. Moore appointed secretary. The report of the president showed the affairs of the company to be in a very satisfactory condition. The following gentlemen were elected as directors: A. Y. Stokes, Miles Turpin. John H. Guy, A. D. Williams, F. R. Scott, D. O. Davis, E. A. Saunders, S. P. Lathrop, John G. Spotts, A. S. Lee, L. L. Bass, John J. King, John Abern, George Lee, P. J. Crew, P. A. Sublett, Abram Levy, Henry Karr, C. E. Belvin, C. E. Wingo, John Chamblin, J. H. Dooley, O. a fine stream. The cold required for these H. Chalkley, R. S. Bosher, and A. B. Goodman. Mr. A. Y. Stokes was unanimously reelected president.

THE WALKER LIGHT GUARD'S EXCURSION TO CHARLESTON.—In yeterday's Dispatch announcement was made that the Walker Light Guard, one of the crack companies one of much interest, and in order to ac-Charleston a limited number of round-trip

against the owner of the new mansion as the author of a public nuisance, and the case finally was laid before the Chancery indges. But the bench decided that there was only one test of a legal nuisance: Was it injurious to the bealth of the complainant, or did it interfere materially with the passage of light and air? If not, it was only a sentimental nuisance, and damages could not be claimed.

Death-Sentence Commuted, —The Gov-tions cases of ordinance violations cases of ordinance violations were disposed of at the station-houses:

W. J. Johnson (colored), charged with drunkenness, was discharged.

J. W. McDonald and J. W. Phillips were fined \$2 for disorderly conduct.

Caroline Smith was fined \$2 by Justice

Crew for disorderly conduct in the market.

Richard Ferguson was fined \$2 by Justice

Chesterfield Statistics.—From the report of Dr. Thomas Pollard, State Commissioner of Dr. Thomas Pollard, Province of Dr. Thomas Pollard, Province DEATH-SENTENCE COMMUTED,-The Gov-

THE CITY CHARTER.

FIRST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPOSED MEMBERS, &c., &c.

A meeting of the special joint committee, consisting of the president of the Board of of the Board, the president of the Com- Cuppin, New York; J. Bolling, John A. Haxall, of the Common Council, appointed Thomas G. Behrendt, Fiuvanna; H. Warto confer with the city's representatives in ing, Charles City; and M. Tredberger, the Legislature upon the question of making | Philadelphia. such amendments to the city charter as | Captain Robert E. Lee, of King William, may be deemed necessary and proper, was is in the city. held yesterday afternoon in the Council At a meeting of the Board of Directors of chamber.

On motion of Mr. Straus, Judge Meredith was invited to preside. Messrs. Henry, Anderson, Gray, and Pul- B. Hoge was elected assistant secretary of source of wealth and importance. liam, of the House of Delegates, were pre-

General Anderson addressed the committee and gave his views as to the importance of having a permanent charter, one that shall be passed by the General Assembly. keeper of the Penitentiary. For the last- and after having been submitted to the qualified voters not altered by the Legislarants. The present Superintendent of the ture unless by the vote of the people. He Penitentiary, Colonel S. A. Swann, is op- had very few amendments to suggest himposed by General R. Lindsay Walker. The self, but was of opinion that it would be present Superintendent of Public Printing, very desirable for the 31st and 12d sections Major R. F. Walker, is opposed by Captain of the charter to be amended so as to provide that the Auditor of the city and the City Collector shall be appointed by the City Council instead of being elected by the people, as at present.

Mr. Cannon agreed fully with General Anderson; moreover, he was of opinion that the charter should be so amended as to prevent the Council from increasing the lebt of the city unless ratified by the peo-

Mr. Cannon-presented a resolution for the appointment of a sub-committee of five mempers-two from the city's delegation in the Legislature and three members from this committee-who shall be instructed to consider and report to the general committee, at its next meeting, all propositions looking to he amendment of the charter of the city of Richmond, with such recommendations as said sub-committee shall think best for the interests of the city. Agreed to. The Chair appointed Messrs. Guy, Can-

non, Straus, Henry, and Anderson. Mr. Christian suggested that it would be well for the committee to coasider the propriety of amending the 103d and 107th secions of the charter so as to provide for the appointment of the High-Constable and the three justices of the peace for each ward by the Council instead of by the people.

Mr. Christian also suggested that it would be well to change the time for the election of the city officers to February in place of July, as at present, so as not to require newly-elected members of the Council to elect officers immediately upon their going nto office. Mr. Strans suggested that the sub-committee consider the propriety of amending

the 25th section of the charter, providing whenever a public improvement, such as a new street, is laid out, and that part of the expense shall be borne by the owners of real estate benefited, that two thirds of the Council shall concur in the improvement instead of three fourths, as at present. Mr. Straus also asked that the committee ousider the propriety the Committee on the Fire Department

power to grant and reject building-permits. Mr. Straus also thought that the 15th section should be amended so as to provide that elections in the Council shall be for the unexpired term. Mr. Cannon asked that the committee

consider the propriety of providing by charter that no joint standing committee of the city shall consist of more than seven members: Mr. Cannon presented to the sub-com-

mittee an independent section: An amendment to provide that all bonds or evidences of debt heretofore or hereafter to be issued shall be regarded as issued upon the faith of the people of the city of Richmond; that the charter of the said city shall not be so altered as to impair the security which the holder of such bonds or evidences of debt may have for the payment of such bonds or evidences of debt: provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent any amendment or alteration of the charter which shall be recommended by both branches of the City Council and accepted by three fourths of

the city of Richmond. Judge Meredith presented an amendment to section 67, which was referred to the subcommittee, authorizing the city, in case it has been a subscriber to or has loaned any bonds, to purchase said work or bid for the gas-consumer, who in most cases is not a same in case said work is sold.

Judge Meredith also presented the following, which was referred: This act shall be in force so soon as it shall be adopted by the qualified voters of the city at the first election held after the passage of this act, and no amendment to this charter shall be valid until it shall be

Adjourned. The sub-committee will meet on Thurs-

in like manner adopted by the qualified

voters.

day at 5 P. M. POLICE COURT-Acting Justice John J. Crutchfield presiding .- The following busi-Miles Wilson, Frayser Branch, and Wil-

repairing the damages to the canal east of liam Jackson, charged with being common security in the sum of \$50 for three months. Branch was also charged with baving in his possession a pair of pants supposed to with S. M. Page as security. Wilson was committed.

Randall Moore was fined \$2 and costs for assaulting Ellen Harper. James Dunson was fined \$2.50 and costs and held to bail for assaulting Sarah John-

David Harris and Ann Taylor were held to bail to be of good behavior for keeping an ill-governed and disorderly house. James Green was committed to jail as a

vagrant. William Bannister, Ellen Taylor, Josephine Page, Lucinda Pollard, and Halla James, were held to bail for keeping a house of ill-fame and for disorderly conduct. All were committed except Bannister. Charles Ward was committed to jail for thirty days in default of payment of fine

and costs for beating Peyton Davis. Randolph Turner was committed to jail tent to commit larceny. The following cases were continued:

James H. Thornton alias. James H. Cox, charged with being a fugitive from justice from the State of New Jersey; until January 31st. Committed to answer. James Murphy, charged with assaulting and beating Thomas Bradford; until to-

The following were discharged : Alexander White, charged with desertion from the brig Cito. Valentine Austin, charged with beating Elizabeth Austin. Joseph Coleman and Rebecca Walker, charged with beating Ellen Harper. Beverly Morton, Adelaide Scott, Nelson

to cut Lucinda Pollard with a razor.

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HOUSE,

R. H. Gupps was fined \$2 by Justice Crew for the same offence.

James Staples and Robert Gray were fined AMENDMENTS-SUGGESTIONS OF VARIOUS \$1 each by Justice Granger for disorderly conduct. Sarah Johnson was fined \$2 by Justice

Crutchfield for disorderly conduct. mon Council, and Messrs. Gray. Straus, and Moore, Henrico; J. E. Hoover, Orange;

the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance

the company. MISS MARY ANDERSON .- The sale of reserved seats for Miss Anderson's engagement commences at Johnston's music-store to-day. On Thursday night she will appear in Evadne; Friday, Ingomar; Saturday matinee, Romeo and Juliet, and Saturday night, Guy Mannering. Miss Ander-son is a southern actress of note, and will

MASQUERADE BALL .- The Chickahominy Social Club will give a masquerade ball at Sanger Hall within a few weeks. As our German fellow-citizens are au fait at such entertainments, all who attend will have, no doubt, a pleasant time.

doubtless have full houses.

Exchange last night. The belies of the wish him a safe voyage, a speedy restoracity and the young members of the General | tion to health, and a safe return. Assembly were in delightful accord upon the main questions of the hour.

BANKRUPTCY .- B. Becher and Reuben Ragland have been adjudged bankrupts.

The Two-Million-Dollar Proposition-Another View-Opinion of a Jefferson-Ward Tax-Payer.

RICHMOND, January 21, 1878.

Editors Dispatch: The article in your paper of to-day signed "A Tax-Payer of Monroe Ward" is so full of good and practical sense that I am induced to make the following statement not only fo help strengthen the hands of the "Tax-Payer of Monroe Ward" in all he has said on the subject of taxes, but to call the attention of property-holders to the depreciation of property in many portions of the city, in place of its increase, as the taxes grow larger. In the same paper we have the report of sales and transfer of lots and other property for \$5 per foot, now assessed by the city comlevied at \$1.40 and a State of 50 cents per foot at the \$10. In 1859 this property sold at \$4 per foot, and the simple interest at six per cent., with city and State taxes at \$1.75 for the two combined, brings the purchaser in debt \$35.60 in the nineteen years on forty feet, and double that sum on the eighty feet. But it is still greater if you estimate the city at \$1.40 and is it not manifest that if the city enters into such a loan on subscription of \$2,000,000 to any scheme that she will in a year or two be in a more deplorable condition as to meeting the interest on her bonds than the State now is? Well has "Tax-Payer of Monroe Ward? said that the canal is fully capable of a transport of all that can ever come from the James-River valley; and I believe all that from Mr. Socrates Brooks to the city of can come from the State of Ohio and every other State combined likely to send produce

to Richmond. A TAX-PAYER OF JEFFERSON WARD.

The Gas Question. Editors of Dispatch: The clever communication of "L. T. C." in opposition to the reduction of the price of gas overlooks a view of the subject that we think important to consider. We will say nothing about the \$60,000 interest on the \$1,000,000 expended by the city for the gas-works because it was not made as a city investment, but for public convenience and security. And should it be a fact that any of the principal of this expenditure has been paid off, there is still less reason for taking it into consideration. Ninety thousand dollars is the reported net revenue to the city including a majority of the freeholders of from the gas-works. If a reduction is made of fifty cents on a thousand feet, and that makes a deficit of \$30, 000 in the city revenues, which must be raised in some other way, then by all means let the property-holder bear the burden, for otherwise it makes the property-holder, by the operation of a high price for gas, help to pay the tax on property. The increased value and security to property by the introduction of gas should make the property-holder willing to bear this additional tax, and not seek to place it upon the shoulders of the gas-consumer. If the same economy was used in the .consumption of gas for city purposes as is observed by private consumers a reduction of more than fifty cents on a thousand feet might be made without detriment to the in-

terest of the city. MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Officers Installed-Fine Supper .tertield Grange, No. 184, Patrons of Husbandry, installed the following officers Sat-Lynchburg, and to receive the report of the | thieves and vagrants, were required to give | urday night at the old court-house : John S. Taylor, master; Lee Wells, overseer; J. A. Leslie, lecturer; T. A. Frith, steward; T. N. Cheatham, assistant steward; Rev. be stolen. Jackson and Branch gave bail, James Bailey, chaplain; B. J. Duval, treasurer; W. E. Gill, gate-keeper; Miss M. E. Belcher, ceres; Miss L. A. Wilkinson, pomona; Miss M. E. Gill, flora; Miss Ida Gill, assistant stewardess.

After the installation an excellent supper was spread in the court-house. It was partaken of by the very flower of Chesterfield's beauty and yeomanry, and it was nearly midnight when the party sang Home, Sweet

Serious Accident at Staunton River. A telegram was received in the city early yesterday morning stating that Mr. Patrick H. Bowis, of this city, had been badly injured at Staunton-River bridge, on the Richmond and Danville railroad, and that his condition was critical. It was at one time reported that he was dead. A dispatch received about noon stated that Mr. Bowis was able to speak, and hopes were enterin default of security for trespassing on the premises of Madame Demelman with insides on the Petersburg railroad near Fourteenth street. He has a wife and two sons both men of families). He has been living in Manchester many years, and is one of our most respected citizens.

Severely Kicked .- Saturday night a colored man named William Watkins, hostler for Thomas M. Fendley, was severely kicked by a horse he was rubbing off at Mr. Fendley's stable, in rear of his store, on Hull street. The horse planted both of his hindfeet in Watkins's breast with such force as to knock him breathless. The injuries were at first feared to be fatal, but yesterday the injured man was somewhat improved.

The Hustings Court .- The January term Henry Garnett, charged with attempting of the Hustings Court commenced yesterday at 11 o'clock A. M. The grand jury was The following cases of ordinance viola-

Crew for committing a nuisance in the mar- of Agriculture, the following information is gathered concerning Chesterfield county: "Was formed from Henrico in 1784. It is 28 miles long and 18 miles wide. The surface is rolling; the soil light and gray in color, easily improved. The James forms its northern and the Appemattox its southern boundary. The lands on these streams are alluvial and very rich.

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"The country is well watered, and inter-PERSONAL.-Among the visitors to the sected by important railway lines. The Aldermen, and Messrs. Cannon and Beall, Tobacco Exchange yesterday were H. A. population is 18.470. Number of acres of land, 293,142, assessed at \$3,216,479. It has 1,905 horses and mules, 3,265 cattle, 2,445 sheep, and 4,738 swine.

"The people raise all their home supplies, and sell wheat, corn, and tobacco. Mari exists in the lower end of the county, but we are not informed regarding its use. This county contains a good amount of timber.' Dr. Pollard might with propriety have Company, held yesterday evening, William called attention to the great coal-fields of H. McCarthy was elected secretary and P. the county, which are indeed its greatest

Mayor's Court .- Mayor Clarke yesterday sent Tyler Dabney and Peyton Carter to ail each for thirty days, and fined them each \$5 and costs for trespassing on James Ropertson and using threatening and abusive language to him. Nelson Robertson, charged with the same offence, was discharged.

Personal .- Dr. C. V. Robinson, of Pe ersburg, formerly of Monchester, was in he city Saturday. Marcus A. Cogbill, clerk of the County Court of Chesterfield, is acting as clerk of the Hustings Court this week.

Several Petersburg ladies are on a visit to riends in this city. John R. Cogbill, clerk of the Hustings Court, leaves to-day for Florida for the Hor.-There was a brilliant hop at the benefit of his health. His many friends

> Messrs. W. G. Lovell and John C. Williams were sworn in as grand jurors yesterday in place of John Maxley and J. Henry Cottrell, non-residents, who had been summoned. Messrs. Maxley and Cottrell have removed their residence since the jury-list was made out.

Funeral of Mr. Weisiger .- The funeral procession of the late Joseph K. Welsiger eft his late residence, on Seventh street near Stockton, yesterday about 12 o'clock M. There was a good attendance, both from this city and Richmond, and the number of backs was quite large. The funeral took place from St. James church, Richmond, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Staunton-River Bridge .- Trains commenced running Saturday over Staunton-River bridge, and during the day a number of trains heavily laden came in and others went out after more freight. Saturday the past week, and among it eighty feet on Clay between Norton and Kinney streets at ber of trains were sent out to be placed on they ask. night dispatches were received stating that ary), and ask the co-operation of all the friends the bridge, and other measures for its safety missioner at \$10 per foot, and a city tax taken. Yesterday it was believed to be in a safe condition, and it is trusted that this sorely-tried company has seen the last and worst of its disasters.

The Belle-Isle Bridge-The foot-bridge

rom the Manchester shore to the main

bridge that connects with Belle Isle is a very

insecure and narrow one; so much so that

many persons, particularly ladies, are afraid the State tax fifty cents in the \$100. Now to cross it. It is really dangerous in muddy or bad weather. It is trusted that a proper regard for the safety of those crossing it will induce those whose business it is to construct a wide and safe footway.

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The Brocks Matter.—Mr. Charles W. Turner, who was appointed by the City Council to collect the claim of \$2,486.33 due

> patch reporter that the matter had been fully adjusted and the amount secured to the city. This announcement caused sincere plea sure to the many friends of Mr. Brooks, and is what has been confidently expected

Manchester, yesterday informed the Dis-

would be done all the time. FAMILIAR IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD .- Dr. R. V. Pierce, the great "medicine man" of Buffalo, is running for the office of senator from that city. He eems to be the most popular man on the track; and well he may be, for his name is familiar in every household in the land, and people will vote for him regardless of his politics .- Wilkesbarre News. Correct, as the News always is. The Doctor was elected by about 3,000 majority.-Buffalo News.

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MEETINGS.

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I. S. TOWER, Capitalo General.

Attest: C. F. Danforth, Recorder. B 22-11*

OFFICE VIEG'A STATE INSURANCE CORPANY, RICHMOND, January 15, 1878. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the VIRGINIA STATE
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